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1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.

2. OPERATION GHOST ZONE ACTIVITIES OVER THE WEEKEND OF 28-29 MARCH REMAINED AT AN ACCELERATED PACE. THREE HUNDRED BOLIVIAN NATIONAL POLICE ARRIVED BY THREE C130B FLIGHTS FROM LA PAZ AND TWO BUSES FROM COCHABAMBA AND WERE IMMEDIATELY ISSUED UNIFORMS AND DISPATCHED TO GARRISON AREAS TO BEGIN PHASE III, SUSTAINMENT OF PRESSURE AGAINST NARCO-TRAFFICKERS. INTERDICTION OPERATIONS BY UMOPAR/DEA SNOWCAP RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF THREE BASE LABORATORIES, THREE KILOGRAMS OF BASE, 7500 POUNDS OF COCA LEAF, AND THE ARREST OF TWO PERSONS.

3. OF THE 7500 POUNDS OF LEAF SEIZED, 4000 POUNDS WERE SEIZED AT THE CASTILLO CHECKPOINT. ACCORDING TO DINACO (COCA LEGAL), THIS SEIZURE WAS THE FIRST MAJOR SEIZURE OF LEAF AT THAT CHECKPOINT IN TWO YEARS. CASTILLO IS THE PRIMARY DEPARTURE POINT FOR CHAPARE LEAF LEAVING THE VALLEY.

4. TOWN GARRISONS ARE NOW IN PLACE AND MANNED BY UMOPAR/BOLIVIAN NATIONAL POLICE TEAMS IN BULO BULO, CASTILLO, PARACTITO, ISIBORO, ISINUTA, ETERAMAZAMA, IVIRGARZAMA, AND VILLA TUNARI. THE TOWN OF PUERTO AURORA WILL BE GARRISONED LATER THIS WEEK. REPEAT TOWN RAIDS WILL BE STAGED IN SINAHOTA AND AROMA ON APRIL 1, 1992, AND GARRISONS WILL BE ESTABLISHED AT THOSE LOCATIONS, THUS COMPLETING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMANENT LAW ENFORCEMENT PRESENCE IN THE CHAPARE VALLEY. THE COCHABAMBA RESIDENT OFFICE IS IN THE PROCESS OF FINALIZING PLANS WITH JOINT NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION CENTER (JNICC) PERSONNEL AND BOLIVIAN NARCOTICS POLICE TO INITIATE ROADBLOCKS ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF COCHABAMBA TO INTERCEPT ANY LEAF WHICH MAY MAKE IT THROUGH THE SYSTEM OF CHECKPOINTS IN PLACE IN THE VALLEY.

5. INTERDICTION ACTIVITIES CONTINUED TODAY WITH A RAID

ON THE ENTRE RIOS AREA OF EASTERN CHAPARE UTILIZING UMOPAR/DEA IN EIGHT HELICOPTERS AND BOLIVIAN NATIONAL POLICE IN VEHICLES FROM BULO BULO, CHIMORE AND IVIRGARZAMA. THIS OPERATION RESULTED IN THE DETENTION OF APPROXIMATELY 70 PERSONS AND THE SEIZURE OF QUANTITIES OF LAB EQUIPMENT AND PRECURSOR CHEMICALS. A BOLIVIAN AIR FORCE PC-7 IS COMPLEMENTING GROUND OPERATIONS BY PROVIDING AIR RECONNAISSANCE. THE AIRCRAFT IS SEARCHING PARTICULARLY FOR TWO PLANES BELONGING TO NARCO-TRAFFICKERS WHICH REPORTEDLY ARE IN THE AREA.

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